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*Original response
from LSD.*

Sept 1981

1. Curbing - GSA will repair.
2. Bare spots and general reseeding has been accomplished.
3. FAC provide recommended layout and colors for azaleas to LSD. Will arrange for planting this fall - now!
4. FAC provide specifics to LSD on where azaleas could be used elsewhere on the compound.
5. Impatiens will be provided for outside the entranceway to the North Cafeteria.
6. Magnolias will be replaced in the center court in October/November 1981.
7. Dead trees along the main roadway will be removed and replaced in October/November 1981.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Landscaping Suggestions

FROM:

D/ODP/DDA

2-D-00 HQS.

EXTENSION

NO.

DATE

31 AUG 1981

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Logistic Services Division, OL

FROM: Bruce T. Johnson
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[Redacted Signature Box]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Fine Arts Commission

STAT FROM:

Member, Fine Arts Commission

SUBJECT: Landscaping Items of Possible Interest, and
Wilderness Trail Status

1. There are several items of concern that I would like to bring to your attention as possibly meriting the attention of the Fine Arts Commission (FAC). They are mainly concerned with the environmental enrichment, or deterioration, of the Headquarters compound.

a. On the negative side, I have noticed that the curbstones (curbings) separating the various paved walkways from the grassy areas are in terrible condition. Most of them have either crumbled into oblivion, or are in the process of doing so. Is this strictly a GSA responsibility or does the FAC have any impetus in this matter? I feel that the curbings should either be repaired, or removed and the grass allowed to grow out to the edge of the paved walkways.

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2. On the subject of the Wilderness Trail, I made a walk-thru inspection on 13 July, just prior to our last FAC meeting. The trail is still incomplete. Several sections are either totally lacking in wood chips or overgrown with vegetation. There are also several muddy areas, particularly at the bottom of the trail where it turns. Perhaps I'll have better news by our August meeting.



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